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LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 12TH, 1906

We do not pretend to know in what waters  
precisely the "Tatsu Maru" was seized.  
We share the one disability of those who  
have been writing so cockade regarding  
the facts—that is to say, we were not there to  
see. We understand that the friends of  
China and some of the enemies of Japan  
declare the seizure to have taken place in  
Chinese waters. We further understand  
that the Japanese and the Portuguese  
declare the seizure to have taken place in  
what were equivalent at least to Portuguese  
waters. The point is material and the point  
is sufficiently in doubt to be debatable. We  
find it possible therefore to keep cool, and  
to wait for an authoritative decision as to the  
fact. Meanwhile, and just to pass the time,  
we consider the probabilities as dis-  
interestedly as we can. We eliminate the  
Chinese claim. We eliminate the Japanese  
claim. We then point out that the  
action of the Macao Government, the  
official Portuguese protest to Peking, is  
prima facie in favour of the Japanese  
contention. So far, that seems to be quite  
fair and reasonable, does it not?

Next we glance at the smuggling aspect  
of the incident. The "Tatsu Maru" had a  
cargo of arms consigned to Macao. It seems  
to be admitted that the vessel left Kobe  
with the proper permits from the Harbour

and Customs authorities. It seems to be  
admitted that the consignee was a Chinese  
subject of Portugal resident in Macao. It  
seems to be admitted that the Macao  
authorities knew of the nature of the cargo.  
It is not alleged that the unloading  
was begun in the dark, or with any  
secrecy. It seems clear that the Chinese  
Customs, even, were prepared to find  
what they found. All this looks like very  
clumsy smuggling. The Cantonese who  
have been making patriotic demonstrations  
about it, going even to the usual length of  
advocating a boycott of Japanese goods if  
Japan gains its point, cannot be expected  
in reason to be as judicious as we are trying  
to be. Still, let us listen to them. They  
were strong in the belief that the arms were  
destined for Chinese rebels. Coming to  
probabilities, we may say that most of us  
are of the same opinion. Macao does not  
offer a likely market for many guns. The  
China Gazette, a leader among those who  
in their eagerness to denounce Japan have  
been so cheerfully taking facts for granted,  
says the consignee was "doubtless one of  
the numerous agents of the malcontents in  
South China." This is the least unreason-  
able of the many unreasonable assertions in  
the China Gazette's cunning diatribe. We  
will even admit it is reasonable, and assume  
that the consignee did mean to pass these  
arms on to Chinese malcontents. Again  
reminding ourselves of the Portuguese pro-  
test, of the man's Macao address, we then  
ask: Where does Japanese responsibility  
or culpability come in? Could the "Tatsu  
Maru" have gone alongside a Macao wharf,  
and there discharged her cargo, would the  
Chinese have had any ground of com-  
plaint? It seems obvious, to us at least,  
that the responsibility is Macao's, and  
we point out that Portugal does not  
disclaim it. Indeed, Portugal admits it.  
The cunning plea that Japan is by high  
handed methods preventing China from  
repressing lawlessness in her own territory  
therefore must be dismissed.

That brings us now to Japan's complaint.  
If the arms were brought openly to Macao,  
and if they were being unloaded as near to  
the consignee as Macao's unfortunate har-  
bour disabilities permit, it does look as if  
the Chinese officers, with an eye to the  
reward (which is not at all improbable) had  
been a bit too zealous and hasty. The  
hauling down of the Japanese flag, and the  
substitution of the Chinese, is one of those  
intrinsically unimportant details that lash a  
patriotic people into frenzy. It partakes  
of the nature of a calculated insult. To fol-  
low that up by a bluffing refusal to consider  
what was admittedly a debatable question  
was to provide ample excuse for strong  
action by Japan, and yet, as usual, official  
Japan seems to have shown and to be still  
showing exemplary patience. The least  
outsiders can do is to suspend judgment  
until there has been some agreement as to  
facts. We deplore the tendency manifested  
in some quarters to give reins to a prejudice  
which is as unfair as it is persistent, as  
dishonest as it is gratuitous, and as unwar-  
ranted as it is painfully obvious.

The action by Chinese contractors against the  
Standard Oil Company for \$70,000 reached its  
third day's hearing yesterday, and was again  
adjourned.

In addition to the two fatalities, reported  
yesterday, in the fire at Yau-mat, the bodies of  
a man and a woman have since been found,  
bringing the number of victims up to four.

At an extraordinary general meeting of the  
North-German Lloyd Company, held on Feb.  
7th to consider the raising of a loan of  
25,000,000 marks (£1,250,000), a motion approv-  
ing the proposed loan was adopted.

We are desired by Messrs. Hughes and Hough,  
to call attention to the alteration in the time of  
the auction of furniture belonging to the estate  
of the late Mr. Danby. The auction begins at  
2 p.m. sharp to-day, instead of as previously  
advertised.

This evening at the Union Church Literary  
Club, Kennedy Road, Mr. E. P. Annot will  
read a paper on "Chinese Gordon," dealing  
with Gordon's exploits whilst in command of  
the "Ever Victorious Army." The chair will  
be taken at 8 p.m. sharp.

The report of the Hildesheim Missionary  
Society for Blind Girls in China shows that  
during the year 1905 the good work among the  
unfortunate children continued, with unabated  
zeal and success. There are now 63 girls in the  
house, not a few of whom were found deserted  
in the streets. Gifts are asked for by the  
committee.

While the Summary Court was sitting  
yesterday the noise of the stamping of letters  
in the Post Office underneath made it difficult  
to hear witnesses' evidence. "Send somebody  
down and tell them to stop that noise," said  
His Lordship, Mr. Justice Wise, to one of the court  
attendants. "And," added his Lordship, "tell  
them if they do not stop it I will have them  
brought up here. I will have no more nonsense."  
The attendant disappeared and apparently his  
message was effective, as the noise ceased.

Prominent Chinese landowners in Hong-  
kong are to meet to-day to discuss the New  
Public Health and Buildings Bill.

Miss Johnstone who for many years was in  
charge of the Baxter Mission Girl's School  
left Hongkong yesterday for home.

"Miss Hook of Holland" was repeated by  
the Bandmann Opera Company to a crowded  
house last night, and greatly enjoyed.

On the 321st anniversary of the execution of  
Mary Queen of Scots—Mr. Theodore Napier  
journeyed to Fotheringhay to place on the  
castle mound a wreath in memory of the Queen.  
It was in the form of a large Scottish Stuart  
crown of everlasting, with the legend in red  
letters "Maria D. G. Reg. Scotorum," and on a  
white silk sash attached it was stated that it  
was "Dedicated to the Immortal Memory of  
Mary, 'Queen of Scots,' Dowager Queen of  
France, de jure hereditary Queen of England  
and Ireland, who, on this spot, was beheaded by  
order of her Royal cousin Elizabeth on February  
8, 1586-87." A long quotation from George  
Macdonald's "Highland Day Dreams" was  
also printed upon it, and it was inscribed  
"From Royalists in Scotland, February 8,  
1906." Mr. Napier said he was one of the last  
of the Jacobites, and he could trust no one to  
bring the wreath but himself, which explained  
the fact that there was no wreath two years  
ago, as he was in Tasmania.

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## THE MISSIONS TO SEAMEN.

For some sixteen years the Missions to Seamen  
Institute in the City of Victoria has led a  
wandering life always so to speak, in lodgings  
with no place that it can call its own.

Beginning, in the days when the Rev. A. G.  
Goldsmith was Chaplain, in a small way as the  
Seamen's "Star" Coffee House, under stress of  
circumstances or moved by the hope of better-  
ment, it changed its location several times and,  
like the majority of its patrons, had no fixed  
dwelling place for any length of time. Under  
stress of financial pressure arising in the main  
from a steadily increasing rent it was for a time  
in a state of suspended animation, but new and  
better arrangements were made, and it was  
reconstituted and has been for the past three  
years located (still in hired premises) at Wanchai  
on the Praya East. At no time has this been  
considered a satisfactory state of things and for  
a long time the members of the Committee  
have been on the look out for a suitable  
site at a reasonable figure, but until  
quite recently none could be found. Efforts  
were made to raise a building fund, but in the  
main, because through lack of a site, the Com-  
mittee could not put forward a concrete scheme,  
these efforts met with only partial success. Still  
the sum of nearly fourteen thousand dollars was  
raised mostly among friends at home. Part of  
this sum was spent in adapting and fitting up  
the premises now in use, but the sum of more  
than twelve thousand dollars remains in hand  
for building purposes. Within the past few  
weeks suitable sites at a reasonable figure have  
been heard of and it is felt that the time is ripe  
for a forward movement.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard with  
that sympathetic interest, which he is always  
ready to show in any good work, has kindly  
consented to preside at a public meeting to be  
held in the City Hall to-morrow (Friday),  
at 5.15 in the afternoon. The Admiral Com-  
manding in Chief on the China Station, Sir A.  
W. Moore is warmly interesting himself in the  
work and will address the meeting. The Lord  
Bishop of the Diocese, who is Chairman of the  
Committee, will also speak, and many of the  
leading men of the Community have also  
promised to attend. It is hoped as a result of  
the meeting that a long step forward will be  
taken, and that within a reasonable time the  
Institute may be provided with a permanent  
home in every way worthy of a port of the  
magnitude and importance of Hongkong.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The str. St. Patrick left Shanghai on Tues-  
day morning, the 10th inst., and is due here on  
about Friday afternoon, the 13th inst.

## TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

## NEW AMBASSADOR.

LONDON, March 11th.

Sir Gerard Lowther has been  
appointed Ambassador at Berlin.

[Sir Gerard Augustus Lowther, K.C.M.G.,  
who will now represent Great Britain at  
Berlin has been His Britannic Majesty's Min-  
ister at Tangier since 1904. He is the second  
son of the Hon. William Lowther, brother of  
the Earl of Lonsdale, and was born in 1858.]

## FRANCE AND BRITAIN.

LONDON, March 11th.

President Fallieres is to make an  
official visit to England in May.

## OBITUARY.

LONDON, March 11th.

Sir Lepel Griffin is dead.

[Sir Lepel Henry Griffin, who held the  
Imperial Persian Order of the Lion and the  
Sun, was born in 1840. He entered the Bengal  
Civil Service in 1860 and became Chief Political  
Officer in Afghanistan in 1893, afterwards  
holding the positions of Resident at Indore and  
Agent Governor General for Central India,  
and finally Extraordinary to Peking in 1895.  
He was Chairman of the East India Associa-  
tion.]

## JAPAN AND CHINA.

Tokyo, March 11th.

Count Hayashi addressing a de-  
putation from the Seiyukai, expressed  
regret that he was not at liberty to  
make a statement on the "Tatsu  
Maru" incident, as the situation was  
delicate, but he could assure them  
that the dignity of Japan would be  
preserved.

Count Okuma, on being inter-  
viewed, said that the affair was trifling  
but every diplomatic means would  
have to be exhausted before they had  
recourse to the last resort.

## REUTER'S SERVICE.

## GERMANY.

LONDON, March 9th.

The Court of Honour at Potsdam has  
sentenced Count Hohenhausen, mentioned in  
the Moltke case, to removal from the list of  
officers and to the loss of all his decorations.  
The Kaiser has confirmed the sentence.

## THE CONGO TREATY.

LONDON, March 9th.

The text of the amended Congo treaty  
has evoked strong dissatisfaction in Belgium  
owing to the onerousness of the obligations  
imposed on Belgium.

## COLLIERY DISASTER IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 9th.

Five hundred men are working on the  
rescue of entombed miners in the Ham-  
stead colliery at Birmingham. Fire is  
raging in the mine. The King has wired  
from Biarritz, saying that he is deeply con-  
cerned, and asks for reports of the disaster.

THE PORT AU PRINCE COURT  
MARTIAL.

LONDON, March 9th.

The sentence on General Stoessel has  
been commuted to 10 years imprisonment  
in a fortress.

THE SEIZURE OF THE "TATSU  
MARU."

LONDON, March 9th.

The Daily Telegraph in a leading article  
strongly supports Japan in the Tatsu Maru  
question, and says that the Japanese are no  
longer receiving fair play. The article  
strongly condemns what it describes as  
crabbing Japan's ongoing, especially among  
English speaking peoples who encourage  
Mandarin arrogance. It declares that  
Japan is perfectly entitled to secure advan-  
tages in trade, proportionate to her sacrifices;  
all nations have done the same.

THE FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of  
the above Company (which is represented in  
Hongkong by Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and  
Company) was recently held at the offices of the  
Company in San Francisco. According to the  
statement of President Dutton, the Company  
has done remarkably well and has recuperated  
its resources within a remarkably short time.  
His statement to the stockholders showed that  
during the nine months of its operations in the  
past year, it added \$309,000 to its net surplus,  
making it now \$906,922, in addition to its paid-  
up capital of \$2,870,737. A unanimous vote of  
thanks to the officers and directors was passed  
in appreciation of the successful manner in  
which they had guided the company out of  
difficulties into its present prosperous condition.

## VICTORIA BRITISH SCHOOL.

The distribution of prizes took place at  
this school yesterday when a large number of  
parents and others interested attended to  
participate in the ceremony. Mr. E. D. C.  
Wolfe presided, and H. E. the Governor, who  
presented the prizes, was accompanied by Mr.  
Brackenbury.

In an interval of the programme, the  
Headmaster, Mr. W. H. Williams, read his  
report for the year 1905. At the outset he  
referred to the attendance, stating that the  
school had been opened 177 times during the  
year and that the low figure was due to the  
school having been closed for structural  
alterations and that the low attendance in  
summer made it advisable to close the school.  
The highest number on the roll at any one  
time was 59. The total expenditure under  
salaries and other charges amounted to \$8185

and the total amount received in fees  
was \$1167.50, the net cost for main-  
tenance being \$4997.50, and as the average  
attendance was 50 the net cost to the Govern-  
ment per child per annum was \$111, which was a  
high figure compared with \$3.33 for each  
scholar at Queen's College. The headmaster dwelt  
on the importance of boys in the upper forms  
remaining longer at school, and went on to  
justify the location of the school, the site being  
healthy and the position central in view of the  
fact that the children came from a very extensive  
area. He proceeded to indicate the progress  
which examinations had disclosed in most  
subjects in the curriculum, and mentioned that  
the school games had been well patronised. He  
also read the report of Captain Thomson on  
the attendance of the cadets at the Volunteer  
Camp last year and concluded with an acknow-  
ledgement of the good work done by the  
teaching staff.

His EXCELLENCY then addressed the gathering.  
He said—Before I distribute the prizes I should  
like to say a word or two, but I will not keep  
you long, as the exhaustive and interesting re-  
port of the headmaster covers, I think, almost  
every point to be touched upon. During the  
last few months it has been my privilege to  
distribute the prizes at a considerable number  
of schools in this Colony and it has been an  
invaluable and most interesting task to me  
inasmuch as it has enabled me to get in touch  
with the system of education in the Colony and  
with the special functions of the different  
schools. To-day I find myself present in this  
school for British boys and girls, the only  
British one in Hongkong, always remembering  
of course the corresponding one at Kowloon,  
and though it comes last on my list I think  
you will agree with me it is one of the  
most important in the Colony, the school which  
is devoted to the education of the children of  
our own race and blood. I do not undervalue  
schools for infants but it is manifestly much  
more important that adequate education should  
be afforded to boys of more advanced years and  
therefore I listened with great interest to what  
the headmaster just read to us. I endorse most  
fully all that he said regarding the urgent  
necessity for parents, if they possibly can,  
allowing their boys to remain a little longer at  
school. The advantage of a boy remaining at  
school a little longer is one which will remain  
with him all through his life because he will  
be able to go into the world better equipped and  
with a better chance of success in life and will  
look back in after life with more gratitude to  
his parents who provided him with this better  
equipment. In this connection I would say one  
other word to you who are here and to those  
who may read my remarks—that is, I hope  
you will take advantage of the Technical  
Institute which used to be called the  
Evening Continuation Classes, and that you  
will see that your sons attend these classes  
during the months that this school is closed as  
well as after leaving school. They would there  
be able to pick up special knowledge in whatever  
branch of education would be most suitable to  
them in their future careers. I take great interest  
in the Technical Institute and I hope to see  
special progress in that department of education  
in the Colony. To-day is practically the third  
anniversary of this school. It opened on March  
20th, 1903. During the first year the pupils  
numbered 51. They have now reached 71, with  
an average attendance during the months the  
school is open of 45. I should like to see that  
attendance increased but still I think that figure  
is fairly good. Certainly I think we may say  
that this school is most favourably situated and  
that its surroundings are as charming as any  
school in the Colony. We hope shortly to remove  
the bamboo nursery in front and throw that into  
the playground which will give more room for  
sports and games. I am delighted that the  
boys are keen on sport and ready to challenge  
any other school at any sport. The headmaster  
has told us of the good progress that has been  
made in the work of the school, I congratulate  
those four boys who passed the Oxford Pro-  
liminary Examination on the occasion of the  
first time that any pupils have been sent from  
this school to that examination and I also  
congratulate the five boys who remain longer at  
school, and attend the Technical Institute.

The headmaster also mentioned with regard to  
the point on which I have laid so much stress  
that there was an improvement in the  
number of boys remaining at school, the  
number increasing from 6 to 11. I hope we  
shall be able soon to select a good site for  
the miniature ride range which will afford  
valuable instruction and amusement in shoot-  
ing with the morris tube. I hope to see  
schools sending out boys capable of shooting  
well. I saw some of your cadets at Stone-  
cutters recently where they were learning the  
semaphore drill in addition to rendering first  
aid to the wounded and simple physiology and  
I think that it is likely to make the boys of this  
school in future able to take part in the de-  
fence of the Empire, if called upon (applause).

The programme included choruses and re-  
citations by the pupils and scenes from  
"Midsummer's Night Dream," all of which  
were cleverly rendered.

Votes of thanks concluded the proceedings.  
The prize list was as under:—Lower School  
—Infants, Dorothy Morris and Arthur  
Gibson; Class I, Ada Dickson, John Brett, and  
Fred Hulton; Class II, Jessie Mitchell, Colin  
McDonald, and E. Wilkinson; Class III, Edgar  
Davy, Jessie Rodger, and Geo. Rodger; Class  
IV, Jessie McNeil, Jessie Stokes, E. Brett, and  
John Brett; Upper School—Class V, (Top boy)  
Ivan Gibson; Marked Progress, Geo. Baker and  
Geo. Hobbs. Composition; Randolph Scott,  
Class VI, Arithmetic, Geo. Stokes; General  
Knowledge Geo. Heskins; General Proficiency,  
M. McNeil; Mathematics M. Silverstone; Head-  
master's Prize to "Dux" of School, M. McNeil.

## SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, 11th March.

## IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

Before Mr. A. G. WISE (PUNISH JUDGE).

## A MISTAKE IN PRINTING.

The Union Trading Company sued the On  
Log Company for a balance alleged to be due  
under a contract in regard to the purchase of  
goods on commission. Mr. R. F. C. Master of  
Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared  
for the plaintiffs and Mr. Grist of Messrs.  
Wilkinson and Grist, for the defendants.

Mr. Grist said the defendants denied indebted-  
ness in regard to the bottles supplied—\$498—  
because the name was wrongly printed on the  
bottles. It was read upside down and if the  
defendants used such bottles they would incur  
the ridicule of the Colony.

Mr. Master argued that the defendants would  
not suffer through the name being so printed  
as the bottles were usually hung upside down.  
His Lordship—The bottle has a flat bottom  
as it must be intended to stand occasionally.

Mr. Master said the specimen of the name  
supplied by the defendants had been sent home.  
Since the bottles had arrived defendants had  
paid certain moneys on account of the contract.  
Mr. Grist said the moneys were paid in  
respect of other goods supplied. Not one cent had  
been paid for the bottles. The question was  
whether his Lordship thought they should take  
delivery of bottles that would hold them up to  
ridicule.

His Lordship—Not if you repudiated at the  
proper time. If this was a heathen language  
to the people in England they should have  
found out what the characters meant.

Mr. Grist—The agents out here ought to  
have instructed them properly.

Mr. Master said he would call evidence to  
show that people would buy bottles just the  
same although the name was upside down.

His Lordship—Then you had better sell the  
bottles to them. I hold, at present, that the  
bottles are marked wrongly, and that they are  
meant to stand and not to hang.

Judgement was given for defendants.

GEORGE MEREDITH'S 80TH  
BIRTHDAY.

## MANY TRIBUTES.

"When a man has climbed the steps of eighty  
years he should not use them as a pulpit."  
These were the final words—words of rare  
modesty and wisdom—in a short conversation  
between Mr. George Meredith and a correspon-  
dent to the Daily Telegraph.

Hosts of congratulatory messages had arrived  
during the morning by post and telegraph,  
but Mr. Meredith himself had departed very  
little from his usual quiet life.  
As early as a quarter to eight he had taken  
his breakfast. It was not until halfpast eleven  
that the mist allowed him to go out in his  
little donkey chair for his customary ride  
along his favourite lane over the shoulder of  
Box Hill.

Usually Mr. Meredith's daily journey is a  
round of five miles among the hills, and he is  
never tired of the beautiful vista, the grand  
cloud and sunlight effects, to be obtained from  
the summit of Box Hill.

To-day, however, the ride had to be cut short  
for at twelve o'clock a despatch, headed by  
Mr. Clement Shorter, represented him with an  
address bearing the signatures of eminent  
Englishmen, Frenchmen, and Americans.

I paid my visit just after the great novel-  
ist's luncheon.

I found the silver-haired master of letters  
sitting by the fire.

He wore a grey rooster jacket and a red tie,  
and sat with a rug over his knees to keep off  
the draught from the open door.

I was surprised at the firm grip of his  
handshake, at the radiant glow of health in his  
cheeks. He looked what he is—a fine type of  
the free, open-air man.

It was difficult to believe, even though he  
could not rise from his chair that Mr. Meredith  
had entered on his eighty-first year.

"Do not ask me for any message," he said to  
me, "but if you want to say anything about me,  
and







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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## NOTICE.

**WILL DR. McCLOSKEY**, whose present address is unknown to the Advertiser, communicate with the

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## TO LET.

**ROOM** to let at Kowloon, near the Ferry with or without Board in a Private Family.

Address—B. A. T.

Care of "Daily Press" Office.

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## TO LET.

**OFFICES** in HOTEL MANSON'S, 1st Floor.

Apply—Care of "Daily Press" Office.

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## HOUSE WANTED.

**WANTED** by 1st May for 6 Months a SMALL HOUSE FURNISHED at the Peak.

Apply to—Care of "Daily Press" Office.

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**SECOND HAND LANCASHIRE BOILERS** FOR SALE.

**FOUR** 30" by 7" by 120 lbs. Lancashire Boilers, in good working order, with current Boiler certificates will sell cheap.

Apply—Care of "Daily Press" Office.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1908. 527

## NOTICE.

**HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.**

**A SPECIAL MEETING** of the Members will be held on TUESDAY, the 17th March, 1908 at 4.30 p.m. in the Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, to nominate a Member to fill the place of the Hon. E. A. HEWETT during his absence from Hongkong.

Notice in writing of the names of Candidates, and of their Proposers and Secondors, to be left with the Secretary at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the General Meeting.

By Order, E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1908. 53

## MISSIONS TO SEAMEN.

**A PUBLIC MEETING** in connection with the above Mission will be held in the CITY HALL, (Chamber of Commerce Room), TO-MORROW (FRIDAY, March 13th).

At 10 o'clock, Sir FREDERICK LUGARD will take the Chair at 5.15, and Speeches will be delivered by ADMIRAL SIR A. W. MOORE, The Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and Others.

The Committee request the honour of your presence and support.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1908. 532

## THE AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

**FOR NEW YORK.** (With Liberty to Call at the Malabar Coast.)

**THE Steamship**

"TUDOR PRINCE," Capt. Macdonald, will be despatched for the above Port on or about TUESDAY, the 21st April.

For Freight apply to ARNOLD KARBURG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1908. 533

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

**"PRINCESS ALICE,"** having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before WEDNESDAY, the 11th inst., at NOON.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th inst., at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1908. 5

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## NOTICE.

**PLEASE** take Notice that the next address of LLOYD'S GERMAN BRITAIN PUBLISHING CO., LTD. is 12, NANKING ROAD, SHANGHAI.

SOMERSET PLAYNE, Manager.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1908. 519

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## 1908-09.

**SEALED TENDERS**, in duplicate, will be received at the R.N. Hospital, Hongkong, until 10 a.m. on the 21st March, 1908, from persons desirous of supplying BEEF, MUTTON, FOWLS, BREED, PURE COW'S MILK, ERATED WATER, ICE, and other Provisions, and Necessaries, for the year ending 31st March, 1909.

Sealed Tenders, in duplicate, will also be received for COAL, (Akaia and Yuhari).

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R.N. Hospital.

The Right to reject the Lowest or any Tender is reserved.

W. M. TAIT, R.N. Hospital, Deputy Inspector General.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1908. 520

**YUEH-HAN RAILWAY CO., LIMITED.**

**TENDERS** are invited for the SUPPLY of the following CEMENT in Iron Casks with wooden ends:—

10,000 CASKS ALSEN.

5,000 CASKS SATURN.

Delivery not later than end of July.

Specification of same will be given to any who intends to tender by applying to the Engineer-in-Chief's Office, Canton.

Tenders will be opened on the 21st inst. at 3 p.m. in the Railway Head Office, Canton.

The Company is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

YUEH-HAN RAILWAY CO., LD.

Canton, 9th March, 1908. 521

## NOTICE.

**TENDERS** are invited for the following:—

AUSTRALIAN HARDWOOD SLEEPERS—MURRY RED GUM, RED MAHOGANY, WHITE MAHOGANY, GREY BOX, TALLOW WOOD, BLACK BUTT, WHITE STRINGY BARK, RED STRINGY BARK, TURPENTINE, BLUE GUM.

QUANTITY—80,000.

Size—8 ft. by 9 in. by 3 in.

Delivery—Half at end of July and balance end August, 1908 c.f. Wongsah Railway Wharf.

Tenders must be accompanied by \$500 and will be opened at Railway Head Office at 2 p.m. on 21st of March, 1908. Specification and Form of Tender will be sent to any who desires to tender by applying to the Engineer-in-Chief's Office. The Company is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

THE YUEH-HAN RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Canton, 7th March, 1908. 505

## NOTICE.

**TENDERS** are invited for the SUPPLY of Three Thousand Tons of 85 lbs. TEEL RAILS of American Standard Section and fastenings of both American and European manufacture to be delivered along side of Railway Wharf at Wongsah not later than the end of August. Blue prints of Rail Section and Specification of same will be given to any who intends to tender by applying to the Engineer-in-Chief's Office, Wongsah, Canton. Tenders will be opened in the Railway Company's Head Office, Canton, on the 1st of April at 2 p.m. All tenders must be accompanied by 500 dollars.

Tenders in Hongkong Currency net will only be accepted. The Company is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

THE YUEH-HAN RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Canton, 7th March, 1908. 506

## NOTICE.

**THE THIRTEENTH HALF-YEARLY DRAWING OF SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES** (1898) of the Hongkong Club, payable on TUESDAY, the 21st March, 1908, will be held at the Hongkong Club House, at 11 o'clock A.M. on THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1908.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By order, C. H. GRACE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1908. 515

## NOTICE.

**THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LD.**

**LOST.**

**FIVE CERTIFICATES** of 100 Shares each standing in the Register of this Company in the name of CHOY SUN have been LOST.

Serial No. 1801—60/01/60100—100 Shares.

" " 1802—60/1/60200—100 "

" " 1803—60/201/60300—100 "

" " 1804—60/101/60400—100 "

" " 1805—60/401/60500—100 "

500 Shares.

Notice is hereby given that Duplicate Certificates for the said 500 Shares will be issued one month hence, and that the Original Certificates, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as Null and Void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1908. 408

## NOTICE.

**DEVONIAN SOCIETY.**

**THE ANNUAL DEVONIAN DINNER** will be held at the Hongkong Hotel on SATURDAY, 14th March at 8 o'clock P.M. Devonian wishing to attend are requested to send their names to

M. S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary, Care of Hongkong Club.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1908. 490

## NOTICE.

**HOOSAIN-ALI & CO.** beg to inform their Customers and the Public that a REAL CLEARANCE SALE at Cash Lowest Prices will be held in their Establishment from the 2nd to 14th March.

Inspection is cordially invited.

HOOSAIN-ALI & CO., 25, Queen's Road Central, Under Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1908. 457

## NOTICE.

**THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING** of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents on THURSDAY, the 26th March at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1908. 468

## NOTICES OF FIRMS

**COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**I** have This Day RESUMED CHARGE of the Hongkong Branch of the above Company.

W. H. TRENCHARD-DAVIS, Branch Manager & Underwriter.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1908. 498

## P. &amp; O. S. N. CO.

## NOTICE.

**UNDER** instructions from the General Managers, M. F. J. ABBOTT, will be in Charge of the Company's business at this Port during my absence from the Colony on leave.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1908. 503

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

**GEO. FENWICK & CO., LD.**

**THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of Shareholders will be held in the Hongkong Hotel on SATURDAY, 14th day of March, 1908, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and electing Director and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th until 14th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN I. ANDREW, General Manager.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1908. 491

**THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, 8, Cornhill Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 21st March, 1908, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1907, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 18th March to SATURDAY, the 21st March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1908. 492

**THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

**THE FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING** of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, on THURSDAY, the 26th March, 1908, at 11.30 a.m. to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1907, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, both days inclusive.

J. WHEELEY, General Manager.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1908. 504

**CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LD.**

**NOTICE.**

**THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING** of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents on THURSDAY, the 26th March at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

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## AUCTION

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THINGS CONTAINED, comprising:—SILK TAPESTRY, COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, TEAKWOOD WARDROBES with GLASS OVERMANTELS, DINNER WAGGONS, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, TEAKWOOD SLEEPING PORCH with GLASS, CROCKERY and E.P. WARE, ENGRAVINGS, a quantity of BRONZE STATUES, INCENSE BURNERS and VASES, OLD CHINA CABINETS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, DRESSING TABLE, DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BEDSTADS and BEDDING, SHANGHAI BATHS, &c., &c.

A large quantity of Plants in Pots, and One Cottage Piano by Collard and Collard, London. One IRON SAFE and One RICKSHA.

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Messrs J. ULLMANN & Co.,  
34, Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, 11th February, 1908. 382

## TO LET

**NO. 5, MORRISON HILL.**  
One FOUR ROOMED HOUSE at Praya East, near East Point.  
Apply to—  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 21st October, 1907. 93

## TO LET

**FIRST** Class European House, furnished or unfurnished, Loochell Terrace and Hampshire Avenue, Kowloon.  
Apply to—  
TAM Tsz KONG,  
Care of Hip On Insurance, Exchange and Loan Co., Ltd., 42, Bonham Strand, West, Hongkong, 1st October, 1907. 94

## TO LET

**OFFICES** and **ROOMS** on the 1st and 2nd Floors of No. 14, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, (formerly occupied by Messrs. SHAW, TOMES & Co.).  
Apply to—  
THE COMPTON DEPT.,  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
Connaught Road Central.  
Hongkong, 25th February, 1908. 299

## TO LET

**NO. 18a, "TANGYUEN,"** McDonald Road, "TANGYUEN."  
Possession from 1st April next.  
Apply to—  
TANG LAF TING,  
No. 3, Connaught Road West.  
A CHOO, Tobaccoists,  
Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 4th March, 1908. 469

## TO LET

**THE ROOMS** on the first floor of No. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, (opposite the General Post Office). The Rooms are light, spacious and well ventilated. Very moderate rent. Immediate Possession.  
Apply to—  
YEE SANG FAT & CO.  
Same address.  
Hongkong, 28th January, 1907. 270

## TO LET

**AUCTION ROOMS**, No. 2, Zetland Street, immediate possession. "FAIRVIEW" ROBINSON ROAD, Kowloon.  
Apply to—  
"WOODBURY" GARDEN ROAD.  
"ROSENEATH," KOWLOON.  
Apply to—  
LEIGH & ORANGE,  
1, Des Vœux Road.  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1908. 87

## TO LET

**A HOUSE** in KNOTSFORD TERRACE KOWLOON.  
Apply to—  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1908. 85

## TO LET

**NO. 2, MACDONNELL ROAD.**  
Apply to—  
COMPTON'S DEPARTMENT,  
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.  
Hongkong, 3rd June, 1905. 88

## TO LET

**GODOWN** No. 3, NEW PRAYA, Kennedy Town.  
Apply to—  
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1908. 360

## TO LET

**A SIX ROOMED HOUSE** at ELLIOT STREET, Robinson Road, furnished or unfurnished.  
Apply to—  
F. X. D'ALMADA & CASTRO,  
33, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1908. 100

## TO LET

**A HACIENDA**, East, Mount Kellet, The Peak, unfurnished, from the middle or end of April next. For particulars apply to the undersigned.  
C. H. GRACE,  
Care of Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong Club.  
Hongkong, 5th February, 1908. 311

## TO LET

**OFFICES** in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.  
Apply—  
SECRETARY,  
A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited.  
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907. 91

## TO LET

**FROM 1st MAY.**  
**KOWLOON MARINE LOT** 43, Yauwatt, Area 85,900 square feet and with 255 feet Sea Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of Coal, Timber, &c.  
Apply to—  
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1908. 221

## TO LET

**A STORE** in Good Position, No. 14, Queen's Road Central, including First Floor, and Godown at back, with Lease.  
Apply to—  
14, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 26th February, 1908. 437

## TO LET

**CHAMBERS** in No. 2, WINDHAM STREET, Moderate Rent.  
First Floor of No. 6, Queen's Road Central, comprising Six Large Rooms and Outhouses suitable for business. Premises or Dwellings, now occupied by Mrs. BORNEMANN.  
Apply to—  
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 25th February, 1908. 93

## TO LET

**PER 1st January, One OFFICE ROOM** on Second Floor, Prince's Buildings.  
Apply to—  
REUTER, BROECKELMANN & Co.  
Hongkong, 9th December, 1907. 102

## TO LET

**4 ROOMED HOUSES** in Morrison Hill Gap Road, suitable for Married Couple with Small Family. Rents low.  
EUROPEAN FLATS in "WILD DELL" Buildings, Rents low.  
No. 2, CHANCERY LANE, 6 ROOMED HOUSE fitted with Electric Light. Central Locality.  
"STILLINGFLETE" Peak Road, SIX ROOMED HOUSE with Fine View of Harbour.  
"HARPERVILLE" Garden Road, SIX ROOMED HOUSE fitted with Electric Light and full use of Tennis Court.  
Apply to—  
PERCY SMITH & SETH,  
Accountants & Auditors, &c.,  
42, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 26th February, 1908. 438

## TO LET

**LARGE 6 ROOMED HOUSE** in best locality, facing the Bund.  
Apply to—  
X. Y. Z.,  
German Post Office, Canton.  
Hongkong, 7th January, 1908. 161

## TO LET

**SHOP and DWELLING HOUSE**, No. 78, Queen's Road Central.  
Apply to—  
Messrs. S. J. DAVID & CO.,  
Prince's Buildings.  
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1908. 445

## TO LET

**4 and 5 ROOMED HOUSES** in Kowloon.  
COMMODOUS SHOP in Des Vœux Road Central, Hongkong. Immediate possession. Moderate rents.  
Apply to—  
"WINDSOR LODGE," Kimberley Road, Kowloon, Six-Roomed House fitted with Electric Light and full use of Tennis Court.  
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HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LD.  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1908. 117

## TO LET

**LARGE OFFICE ROOM** on First Floor of No. 18, DES VŒUX ROAD.  
Apply to—  
FERD. BORNEMANN,  
No. 16, Des Vœux Road Central.  
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1908. 144

## TO LET

**ONE ROOM** in Prince's Buildings, Top Floor.  
Apply to—  
Messrs. S. J. DAVID & CO.  
Hongkong, 29th February, 1908. 443

## TO LET

**NO. 59, CAINE ROAD.**  
Nos. 27 and 31, SEYMOUR ROAD.  
Apply to—  
SAM WANG CO., LTD.,  
81, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 27th November, 1907. 190

## TO LET

**OFFICES** on Top Floor No. 2, Connaught Road, facing the Cricket Ground. HOUSES in Wong Nei Chong Road. No. 10, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st floor.  
"HATHERLEIGH," Conduit Road. A HOUSE in CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road.  
OFFICES in YORK BUILDING, GODOWNS in PRAYA EAST, BLUE BUILDINGS and No. 16H, Des Vœux Road next to the Hongkong Hotel. FLATS in MORTON TERRACE.  
Apply to—  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 5th March, 1908. 36

## TO LET

**"EGGESFORD"** (Furnished) No. 114, Praya, Contains 6 ROOMS. No. 71, WINDHAM STREET. "GLENWOOD" CAINE ROAD, suitable for a Boarding house or Club. Contains 26 Rooms. BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, Fine Office and Dwelling Rooms. No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Top Floor, (over Caldwell MacGregor). OFFICES in Queen's Road Central. BELLIS TERRACE HOUSES, ROBINSON ROAD.  
L.L. BROOK, No. 9, CONDUIT Road, 8 Rooms, Furnished or Unfurnished from 15th April, 1908. Large Servants' Quarters and full sized Tennis Court.  
No. 3, DUDELL STREET Shop and 1st Floor.  
Nos. 1 and 6, DES VŒUX VILLAS (PRAY).  
No. 57, PRAYA GRANDE, Macao.  
Apply to—  
Linstead & Davis,  
3rd Floor, Alexandra Building.  
Hongkong, 18th February, 1908. 89

## TO LET

**STORAGE.**  
For Coal, Timber, &c.  
**TO BE LET,** a Portion of MARINE LOT No. 285 at NORTH POINT, Suitable for above Purpose. EXTENSIVE WATER FRONT. DEER WATER.  
Also FOR SALE.  
Portions of MARINE LOTS Nos. 31 & 33 on PRAYA EAST. Approximate Area 43,000 SQUARE FT. 99 YEARS' LEASE.  
For Particulars, apply—  
GEO. FENWICK & Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. 184

## TO LET

**NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS**  
EXTRA COPIES of Daily Press are on sale daily at the KOWLOON BOOKSTALL, Mr. H. BUTTONE'S KOWLOON STORE, No. 36, Elgin Road & Mr. AH YAU'S FERRY WHARF STALL.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903.

## MARINE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

The Times Commercial Supplement says—  
The decline in the world's trade which began some months ago is unwelcome to most classes of business men; but to underwriters of marine risks it actually brings with it some prospect of improvement in their industry. During the past three years the carrying business of the world has never been larger, yet shipping trade generally has been depressed and the profits of underwriting have declined to a good deal less than nothing. Partly on the principle that what business is at its worst any change must be for the better, and partly because a large falling off in shipping would benefit the shipping trade, the turn in general trade may prove to be also the turning point in the opposite direction of marine underwriting.

We are able this year to present the result of ten companies only—as the Standard has not issued the usual accounts, no doubt because it has been acquired by the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company—and next year, with the absorption of the Ocean by the North British Company, we shall have but nine. In spite, however, of the reduction in number of companies issuing reports at the beginning of the year, there remain sufficient to make their figures a fair illustration of the insurance market as a whole. And this illustration regarded as a picture is painted in the gloomiest of colours. The completed accounts of 1905 were bad; but those of 1906 are worse, and much worse when one considers that a substantial part of the losses of 1905 were due to an unfavourable experience of war risks. The reduction in the rates of premium of freights, a reduction which could be considered in connection with values works out at some 60 per cent. during six years, has reduced marine underwriting as a whole to the ranks of temporarily unprofitable industries. And the experience of companies, handicapped to some extent though they are by expenses of administration, does not differ essentially from the experience of most members of Lloyd's, many of whom have, however, earned substantial profits from fire underwriting. Profits are more and more difficult to make in marine insurance, losses more and more difficult to avoid even by the most adroit of "shunters"—to borrow a term from a current Stock Exchange controversy. As a whole we are afraid that the market is losing money.

An examination of the following table will show that ten marine companies received £2,703,079 in premiums on the underwriting accounts of 1906 and, in the aggregate, lost £76,950 (2.8 per cent.) as compared with a loss on the 1905 accounts of £43,188 (1.6 per cent.). The course has been steadily downwards. For 1901 there was a profit of £208,168; for 1902 a profit of £109,513; for 1903 a profit of £145,577; and now the two years of loss. Writing a year ago, we anticipated that the bottom had then been reached; it is now clear that the depths are still unexplored. Among the companies in our table, four have made profits and six show losses, the profits, except those of the British and Foreign, which has had a comparatively good year, were all small; the losses in most cases are substantial.

UNDERWRITING ACCOUNTS OF 1906.

	Net premium after meeting claims and ex-cess of profits	Corresponding profit or loss on the 1905 accounts
Brit. and For.	339,199 + 20,078 8.6 + 26,639 5.7	
Lon. and Prov.	230,933 - 17,889 8.4 - 27,179 5.7	
Maritime	240,783 - 3,976 1.6 - 44,060 18.8	
Merchants	188,216 - 16,104 7.5 + 2,084 1.1	
Ocean	162,188 + 10,861 6.7 + 8,047 4.8	
Reliance	115,798 + 6,574 5.7 + 10,054 8.9	
Sea	214,915 + 8,051 2.5 + 28,053 2.5	
Thames & Mer.	459,650 - 47,600 10.5 - 14,295 3.2	
Union	458,768 - 34,317 7.5 - 35,523 8.4	
World	190,320 - 13,363 7.0 + 8,977 3.9	
Total	2,703,079 - 76,950 2.8 - 43,188 1.6	

\* Assuming £22,000 as the cost of the third year's settlements.

It is always unsafe to draw deductions from the first year's settlements of marine account. The second year is the crucial one, and hopes at the end of the first twelve months—not infrequently turn to despair at the end of the second. Taken as a whole, the net premiums received in 1907 were £2,707,835, and the first year's settlements and expenses amounted to £2,144,287, or 42.5 per cent. as compared with the first year's settlements and expenses on the 1906 accounts of £1,129,144, or 41.8 per cent. In the aggregate the premiums have slightly increased, and the outgoings of the first year are slightly heavier; in individual cases the Maritime, Merchants, Ocean, and World show an experience in 1907 more favourable than that of 1906, but the other six have heavier settlements to record. Little comfort can therefore be drawn from the 1907 accounts. And no one can go day by day into the insurance market and feel much confidence as to the future. Last autumn the rates of premium on freights coming forward were out of the question.

FIRST YEAR'S SETTLEMENTS ON THE 1907 ACCOUNTS.

	Net Premium	First Year Settlements figures in 1907 and Expenses	Corresponding Accounts
Brit. and For.	343,136	162,246 47.3	151,678 44.7
Lon. and Prov.	216,924	55,909 39.6	87,967 39.7
Maritime	285,008	98,999 38.6	97,275 34.4
Merchants	204,970	65,194 31.8	75,728 40.2
Ocean	138,684	28,498 46.5	8,659 50.9
Reliance	115,054	32,456 49.7	49,701 43.9
Sea	326,447	128,918 39.1	118,556 37.7
Thames & Mer.	433,343	200,646 46.3	180,443 42.0
Union	458,541	211,078 48.6	208,978 45.4
World	186,699	61,347 32.3	71,069 37.2
Total	2,707,835	1,144,287 42.3	1,129,144 41.8

It is fortunate for most of the marine companies that prudent finance in the past has placed them in a position to withstand the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune. They have large funds and all earnings on these funds pay all, or nearly all, the dividends. In a few instances—London and Provincial, Thames and Mersey, and Union—the losses of recent years have made large inroads into the funds (which have also suffered from depreciation), and the means to effect the tide of loss is becoming a most serious problem before their directors. The funds (exclusive of capital) of the ten companies amounted on December 31, 1907, to £5,918,015, a decline during the year of £17,592, of which more than half was due to depreciation. The interest receipts, after deducting income-tax, were £223,020, and the dividends to be paid are £214,561. The dividends, as a whole, are paid out of interest. In one case, the British and Foreign, the dividend was increased from £53,000 to £80,000, an increase made for individual reasons and not connected with the present state of the market.

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Brit. and For.	1,468,358	39,179	53,101
Lon. and Prov.	213,740	48,102	12,373
Maritime	457,235	21,298	17,511
Merchants	432,334	20,448	11,154
Ocean	441,997	8,865	17,304
Reliance	233,421	6,816	8,530
Sea	879,050	12,644	30,970
Thames and Mer.	1,058,448	11,327	33,940
Union	732,975	27,893	24,646
World	186,699	5,802	6,421
Total	5,918,015	177,802	223,020

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## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
 BORNHO, German str., 2,168 T. Semblil, 10th March—Sandakan 5th March, Timber and General—Melchior & Co.  
 HARTAN, British str., 1,183 T. S. Roach, 11th March—Coast Ports 5th March, General—Dunlop, Lapsley & Co.  
 HUPEN, British str., 1,200 T. G. J. Spink, 10th March—Rangoon and Hoihow 8th March, General—Butterfield & Swire.  
 ITHAKA, German str., 11th March—Canton.  
 KWONGSANG, British str., 1,428 T. W. Palmer-Baker, 11th March—Shanghai March 7th, Swatow 10th, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 PRINCESS ALICE, German str., 6,720 T. G. Rott, 10th March—Hamburg, 30th January, and Singapore 6th March, Mails and General—Melchior & Co.  
 TSINAN, British str., 2,269 T. E. Finlayson, 10th March—Nagasaki 6th March, General—Butterfield & Swire.  
 WAISHING, British str., 11th March—Canton.

**CLEARANCES**  
 At the Harbour Master's Office.  
 11th March.  
 Fouwang, British str., for Saigon.  
 Kwonggang, British str., for Canton.  
 Prinsess Alice, German str., for Bangkok.  
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**DEPARTURES.**  
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 ARABIA, German str., for Portland.  
 COURTFIELD, British str., for Darbair.  
 FUENING, Chinese str., for Shanghai.  
 FUENING, British str., for Canton.  
 GOMER, German str., for Europe, K.  
 J. DIEBOLD, German str., for Swatow.  
 KIANGCHING, Chinese str., for Canton.  
 MEIPOO, Chinese str., for Canton.  
 NARINE, Dutch str., for Shanghai.  
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**SHIPPING REPORTS.**  
 The German str. Borneo reports: Very strong monsoon the last two days.  
 The British str. Tsinan reports: Strong N.E. monsoon since leaving Nagasaki through-out.  
 The British str. Kwonggang reports: Experienced strong N.E. winds with high following sea and fine clear weather to Swatow. From here to port moderate Northerly winds and fine clear weather.  
 The British str. Hainan reports: From Foochow to Amoy, strong N.E. gale and heavy sea. Amoy to Swatow, strong N.E. gale and heavy sea with rain. Swatow to Hongkong, light Northerly wind, smooth sea and clear weather.

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DESIGNATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	FLAG & REG.	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & C., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL...	MARMORA	Brit. str.	—	G. H. C. Weston, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 21st inst.,
LONDON & ANTWERP.	GLENOCHY	Brit. str.	—	E. J. Stallard	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 25th inst.,
LONDON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	MONMOUTHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	Charbonnel	SHAW, TOMES & CO.	About 31st inst.,
MARSEILLES & C., VIA PORTS OF CALL	TOKIN	Fr.	—	S. J. G. Parsons	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 17th inst.,
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE & C.	SANUKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	Porcelius	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 16th inst.,
MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE & HAMBURG & C.	HOHENSTAUFEN	Ger. str.	k.w.	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 25th inst.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	CATHAY	Dan. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	End of March
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE & C.	TRANQUEBAR	Dan. str.	—	F. E. Cope	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	Beginning of April
ANTWERP & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS & C.	AWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Hasse	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 1st April,
LYRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS & C.	SAMBA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Müller	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 15th inst.,
PLES, GENOA, ALGERIA, GIBRALTAR & C.	PRINCE LUDWIG	Ger. str.	k.w.	F. v. Binzer	MELCHERS & CO.	On 2nd April,
ESTE & C., VIA SINGAPORE & C.	VORWAERTS	Aus. str.	—	B. Bednarz	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 27th inst.,
YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL...	SAINT PATRICK	Brit. str.	—	—	SHAW, TOMES & CO.	About 16th inst.,
YORK	WHARF CASTLE	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 7th April,
YORK	TULOR LANCE	Am. str.	—	—	ARNOLD, KARRER & CO.	About 21st April,
YORK	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	2 m.	Macdonald	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	To-day at 4 P.M.
YORK	LENNOX	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 25th inst.,
YORK	THOMAS	Am. str.	—	T. W. Garlick	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 17th inst.,
YORK	ITO MARU	Jap. str.	—	G. S. Laprak	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th inst.,
YORK	KUGA MARU	Jap. str.	—	D. Mori	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 31st inst.,
YORK	KARATO MARU	Jap. str.	—	C. Lindbergh	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	First half of April
YORK	YAMAGUCHI	Brit. str.	1 m.	K. Homma	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th inst.,
YORK	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. Minnesen	MELCHERS & CO.	On 20th inst.,
YORK	MANILA	Ger. str.	—	St. John George	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 28th inst.,
YORK	ALDENHAM	Brit. str.	—	T. L. Harrison	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th April,
YORK	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Fraser	MELCHERS & CO.	To-day,
YORK	CUBORIA	Rus. str.	—	W. von Soden	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st inst.,
YORK	KAMAKURA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Harrison	MELCHERS & CO.	About 3rd April,
YORK	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	Zwart	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th inst.,
YORK	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Dodwell	JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch
YORK	THIBODAS	Dut. str.	—	Mawley	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst.,
YORK	KALANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	M. Winkler	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
YORK	HANGCHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	H. Walker	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day.
YORK	TOTOMI MARU	Jap. str.	—	Lancelin	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
YORK	FOOKSANG	Jap. str.	—	W. P. Baker	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	About 15th inst.,
YORK	TOURANE	Fr. str.	—	G. P. Northcombe	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th inst.,
YORK	KWONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	H. A. Peters	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 18th inst.,
YORK	YCHOH	Brit. str.	1 m.	Jouan	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 20th inst.,
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YORK	MALTA	Brit. str.	—	H. Kiroch	MELCHERS & CO.	On 22nd inst.
YORK	CYLIAN	Fr. str.	—	Bahle	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	About 24th inst.
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YORK	PERBIA	Brit. str.	—	J. S. Roach	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th inst.,
YORK	P. R. LUTFELD	Ger. str.	—	S. J. Peters	DOUGLAS LARPAK & CO.	On 14th inst.,
YORK	PERBIA	Brit. str.	2 h.	A. W. Oakesbridge	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
YORK	PERBIA	Brit. str.	1 m.	T. Meyrick	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 15th inst.,
YORK	PERBIA	Brit. str.	—	Rodger	SHAW, TOMES & CO.	On 17th inst.,
YORK	PERBIA	Brit. str.	—	R. Almond	SHAW, TOMES & CO.	On 21st inst.,
YORK	PERBIA	Brit. str.	1 m.	Mathias	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst.,
YORK	PERBIA	Brit. str.	—	F. Sembill	MELCHERS & CO.	On 29th inst.,
YORK	PERBIA	Brit. str.	—	Pedone	CARLOWITZ & CO.	End of March
YORK	PERBIA	Brit. str.	—	E. Kon	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon
YORK	PERBIA	Brit. str.	—	Bradley	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 17th inst.,
YORK	PERBIA	Brit. str.	—	Rose Core	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 19th inst.,
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